DYING IN THE COLD

More Stories of the Horrors of the Famine.

EATING THE FLESH OF HORSES

ing Animals Devoured by Their Femishing Owners-Ravages of Typhus Pever and Small Pos.

Lorrow, Feb. 12 —A disputch from Pouza, capital of the government of has name, in the southwestern part of what is known as Great Roseia, says that the thermometer registers 38 degrees below zere, and that there is iscrible suffering among the peasure. A number of men have been frozen to death on the high reads, and so intensely sold is it that birds drop dead from the trees in which they have sought shelter. None of the children in Fense are allowed to go to school.

A quantity of grain for the famine sufferers has arrived at Penza, but it is impossible to distribute it among the peasants in the surrounding country owing to the fact that nearly all the horses have been killed for food or sold to precure maney with which to buy the absolute necessaries of life. Five thousand herses have been killed in Penza alone, and it is estimated that several million draft animals have been killed throughout the empire since autumn.

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Havegee of Disease.

Typhus fever, amaliper and diphthests are decimating the inhabitants. Around Penza 200 of the peasants have died from these diseases. The dispatch adds that in the governments of Samara, Saratov and Nijai Norgored, the condition is far worse than in Penza. In those three governments thousands of the peasants have fallen victims to the hunger, hyphus and the other epidemic diseases. On the governments of Clarkov and Kazan, the typhus fever is papecially terrible in its ravages. The inhabitants are dying off by the hundreds. Whole families have been stricken by the disease, and have died, not a single member recovering.

The records show that in the vicinity of Penza, 17,988 persons, men, women and children, are daily fed by charity.

More Resistes for the influence.

St. Pattanaura, Feh 12.—The government has granted the further sum of 60 000,000 roubles to be expended for the relief of the sufferers in the familine listricts.

Famine Prevalle in India. BOMBAT, Feb. 12.—Official notice has Bossav, Feb. 12.—Official notice has been given that a famine prevails in this presidency, and that the famine code will be applied over an area of 1,000 square miles in the districts of Bijapur, Bolgaum and Dharwar. These districts contain a population of 1,500,-

Ald from America.

HELENA, Mont, Feb. 12.—Gov. Toole has issued a proclamation setting forth that the peasantry of Russia, embracing 26,000,000 people, is suffering from famine; that the only relief rests with people of Montana are bleased with abundance and prosperity. Believing the people of Montana ever ready to respond to just demands of humanity, he recommends prompt and generous sentributions.

Hammanus, Pa., Feb. 12.—Gov. Pat-tison has issued a proclamation relative to the Russian famine and calling for

MINIMAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 12.—Four and one-half million pounds of flour have been contributed by the million of the United States, the people of Minnesota and the farmers of Nebraska for the Russian sufferers. This is all on the read to New York, where free storage is given it by the Terminal Warehouse Company. It is to be carried free by the railroads and transport lines. The steamer Missouri will carry it free to Liban. The ship leaves early in March.

To Honor Departed Boron.

WARRINGTON, Feb. 12.—In the senate Thursday Senator McPherson (N. J.) introduced a bill appropriating \$64,000 to erect a meaument to commemorate the battle of Princeton. Senator Gallinger (N. H.) effered a bill to erect an equestrian statue at a cost of \$00,100 to Gen. John Stark, of New Hampshire, and Senator Voorbees (Ind.) introduced a similar resolution for a pissue to Gen. Zechary Taylor at a neet of \$60,000.

Villate Senged by a Mob.

MANORE. Va., Fob 12.—Will Levender, the colored man who attempted to
passent Alice Ferry, a white girl, Mondey night, was taken from efficers
about 1 o'clock a. m. and hanged to a
tree by a mob of about 150 people. He
made a full confession. The crowd
was cederly and no firing was indulged

New Boad Through Chinhome.
TOPRIA. Kan., Feb. 12.—The charge of the Arkanana City. Oklahoma & leans Railroad Company has been filed with the secretary of state. It consumplates the construction of a road road Arkanana City southwest through blinhome to Houriette, Tex.

Err. Orborno Bota jerrous, Feb. 12 — Mrs. Plorence hel Ouborno was examined before a w street palice court and formally amitted for trial on a charge of lar-

pain Republicano Colobesto pain, Feb. 12.—A number of ban-were beld Thursday ovening to rate the proclamation of the ish republic of 1972.

Ontains 127to Closed.

Sr. Jersey, Mo., Fob. 12.—The St. Joseph cotment mile, owned by S. J. Burne & Co., have been closed under feeds of trust amounting to \$50,000. A wholesale and retail flour and feed store owned by the same parties has also been closed by the same creditors. The liabilities are \$50,000 and the assets me and

TALKING FOR LICENSE

Morres, In., Peh IX.—The con-tamber was crowded Thursday ag to hear the debate on Schmidt license bill. Sen-chuidt opened in a half-hour's a majutaining that his bill gave shibition costions as much pro-

the truffic. He explained the manner of calling the election, showing how towns could vote and how the country precincts could vote on the size of the license, making it as large as the people want it. The asleonkeeper's tond is to be \$5,000. The senator said it was a strict bill fashionad after the laws of other progressive states, states just as progressive as states states just as progressive as lows. Sanater Reiniger replied at length, arguing that prohibition had never been repudiated by the people. In the afternoon Senator Reiniger concluded and Senator Finn and others spoke. Adjourned without taking

In the house the committee on sup-pression of intemperance reported the Eichman bill for indefinite postpone-ment. The minority presented a re-port favoring the passage of the bill, which is the same as the Schmidt bill

FIRE AT MONMOUTH, ILL.

The Opera House and a Number of Bus

Monnouth Iil. Feb 12.—At 11 o'clock last night this city was visited by the second largest fire since 1871, when the whole business part was destroyed. The fire originated in the opera house and was caused by an explosion of gas a few moments after the house had been vacated by nearly 500 people who had been attending a lecture. The flames quickly spread and in a short space of time were communicated to the eight store rooms underneath—three groceries, saloon, dry goods, furniture and hardware stores—and within an hour's time the entire block of brick buildings was completely destroyed, not withstanding several atreams of water continually in play. The losses are:

Shultz estate, opera house building, \$50,000; C. Shultz, drugs, \$7,000; N. W. Montgomery & Co., dry goods, \$55,000; McClung Bros., groceries, \$6,000; W. H. Rankin, furniture, \$6,000; H. J. Biachburn, groceries, \$6,000; J. S. Sullivan & Son, hardware, \$6,500; Clinistinsen & Smith, salcon, building and stock, \$5,000; Heary Lucas, barber shop, \$500; W. H. Meredith, building, \$4,000; Brown estate, building, \$6,000; E. E. Wallace, building, \$4,000.

At a late hour it is impossible to as-certain the total amount of insurance. The wind was from the principal busi-ness portion of the city, which there-fore escaped.

EACH CRIES "STOP THIEF!" Deaver Waterworks Officials Charge Each

DENVER, Col., Feb. 12.—The most sensational step in the American Waterworks Company imbroglio was taken Thursday. A suit was commenced in the United States court by Dennis Sullivan as receiver of the company, to call President C. H. Venner to account for \$205,000 in bonds of the Denver Water Company he is alleged to have con-Company he is alleged to have confiscated to his own use. The charges in this case are both grave and vigorous. The suit is in retaliation of the one brought against Sullivan by Mr. Venner, who charges Sullivan has appropriated \$67,000 to his own use, which Sullivan denies.

executed at Tien-Tein for treason in having pledged himself to support French influence; in having become a Christian and in having sought an au-dience with the pope to facilitate the work of Catholic missions in China. The emperor of China was reluctant to algn the death warcant, but the influ-ence of the old Chinese anti-Christian party prevailed."

Caught by the Gold Brick Swindle. LIMA, O., Feb. 12. - William Hen-dricks was bunked out of \$5,000 by a confidence man giving his name as Henry Owens and claiming to be a lost cousin of Hendricks, who is a wealthy farmer living southeast of here. Owens had an alleged gold brick which he said was from a mine he owned out west and was worth \$50,000. He talked his "uncle" into giving him \$5,000 for

it and then disappeared.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 12.—The Litchfield lands here are offered to set-Litchfield lauds here are offered to set-tlement at an average cost of \$13 per acre, about three times what the lands would have brought five years ago. Few settlers will buy. The lands will, however, be leased to them. The Snell lands are held at the same prices, but the settlers will not be permitted to lease. Those who cannot buy must

North Dabota Wasts Mes.

Sr. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12. - Gov. Burks, of North Dakota, was at the Windsor Thursday. He stated that he wished to secure from 10,000 to 15,000 men for spring and summer work in his state. Owing to a shortage of help all the immense wheat crop of North Dakota could not be thrashed last fall. Thrashing has continued all winter and is still going on.

Pell from a Train.

Aurona, Ill., Feb. 12.—Alexander Iverson, of this city, one of three young men beating their way over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, jumped from the doorway of a freight car, Thursday, while the train was passing through Plane at a high rate of speed, and was instantly killed and badiy mangled.

Douth of a Vatoran Jou

KECKUR, Ia. Feb. 12.-Thomas Gregg, a veteran newspaper man of Iowa and Illinois, died at his home in Hamilton, opposite this city Thursday rning, aged 84 years. He was the athor of "Mormonism and Mormon Troubles in Illinois."

Washington, Fab. 12.—In the senate Thursday Senator Gibson (La.) introduced a bill to improve the navigation and afford case and safety to the trade and sommerce of the Mississippi river and to prevent destructive flowls, appropriating \$15,000,000, of which not more than \$3,538,000 shall be expended in any one year. Referred to the committee on commerce. Adjourned till Monday.

Two Mes Killed. RATOR, O., Feb. 12.—The boiler at the sawmill of Jacob H. Rieling, 6 miles north of here, exploded Thursday morning, killing two men, William Rising, the sen of the proprietor, and a hired man named Shiverdecker. Toung Rising was blown to pieces and only pertinue of his body can be found. Mr. Rising, the proprietor of the mill, was also budly injured.

COAL IN A CORNER

R .ilreade Combine to Control Output and Price.

A COLOSSAL DEAL ENGINEER D

The Movement Creates a Flurry on the New York Stock Exchange-Heavy Transactions Reported.

Cricano, Feb. 12.—Dispatches tell-ing of the gigantic combination effected by President McLeod, of the Reading by President McLeod, of the Reading railway, by which the Reading secures control of the Lehigh Valley and N w Jersey Central railroads and their vest coal properties, and proposes to combine the anthracite coal producing and carrying interests into one management, created a tremendous sensation in the stock exchanges and in railway and coal circles throughout the country.

A Colossas Book.

It is conceded to be the most extensive floancial operation for years, the greatest in the history of railway financiering, and one the far-reaching influence of which cannot be computed. It means a colossal deal

influence of which cannot be computed It means a colossal deal by which three-fifths of the anthracite coal of the country is brought under the control of one man, and in these days of mighty monopolies, of throttling the supply and advancing prices, the effect of such a consolidation of interests to handle an indispensable article like coal becomes a almost a personal interest to every of almost a personal interest to every

New York, Feb. 12.-Thursday was the greatest day on record on the stock exchange. Contrary to general expec-tation, not a failure was announced, and with the fall of the ham-mer of the chairman at 5 o'clock the day came to an end with the confusion and excitement just as great as at the opening. No one look-ing at the maddened, excited crowd of men shricking at the top of their voices would have supposed them to be business men capable of dealing in \$15,000,000 worth of property in thirty minutes. But such was the case, and moreover, the value of the Reading stock alone enhanced in value 85,500,nober alone ennanced in value 23,500,000 by the very actions of that excited
mob. It would be useless to figure on
the money made and lost. Hundreds
of thousands were won and lost in the
big game.

The transactions on 'change exceeded The transactions on 'change exceeded all previous records. Over 1,500,000 shares of stock were traded in, of which 650,000 shares were Reading. An idea of the immense business done may be gathered from the fact that \$00,000 to 400,000 shares is considered a good day's business, and when one day last week the figures reached \$00,000 shares the matter was referred to as extraordinary. ter was referred to as extraordinary. Of course the great feature of the market was Reading, which has ad-vanced over twenty-five points in a

few days. Lost His Life for Religion.

Longon, Feb. 12.—The Chronicle's Paris correspondent says: "A report comes from Chins, by way of Singapore, that Gen. Tehen Kitong has been high Valley roads on a guaranty of fixed charges and 7 per cent dividends on the stock. These roads control about 75 per cent, of the coal mined in the country. The Lackawanus and Delaware & Hudson consent o the deal. It is pronounced the greatest event that has occurred in the railroad world since the West Shore move was announced. The New England is said to be in the deal in some way and the Reading and New England were enormously active. The shorts were scared fearfully and ran to cover with all possible speed.

Leases and Contracts Signed. Messra. Drexel, Morgan & Co. anthat the leases and contracts whi were signed Wednesday night hav now been ratified by the boards of di-rectors of the Reading. New Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley railway companies, by which was effected the combination of the authracite coal interests. Samuel Sloan, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, said to a reporter regarding the com-

"The Lackawanns is theroughly in sympathy with the combination. While we have made no formal agreement with the Reading we shall act in harmony with that company, and we shall not be a competitive factor in the coal trade. We shall act with the combined interests both in the output and price of coal. The object is not to raise the price, but to requisite production and to make prices taniform."

It is acknowledged even by the in-dependent producers that the combina-tion, with the Lackawanea included, tion, with the Lackawanea included, will control 75 per cent of the anthracite coal traffic of Pennsylvania. As one of the main features of the "deal" looks toward the abolishing of selling agents the action of the independent producers and of a selling agents is the subject of a comment. It is ack a viedged if the movement succeeds the selling agents will find their occupation gone.

WILEEBBARRE, Pa., Feb. 12 .- Individual coal operators are alarmed over the gigantic coal deal. They fear it will eventually drive them out of the business, as they cannot hope to com-pete with the big trust which will have entire control of the carrying

A Remarkable Experies

Liscotz, Neb., Feb. 12.-John Cook Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12.—John Cook was released from the penitentiary here. Years ago he committed a murder, for which he was hanged and shot by lybahem, but recovered after being cut down by the sheriff, and when placed on trial, in view of the violence he had suffered, was given but a life sentence. Commutation and good conduct secured his liberty.

Mote Prisoner for a Year.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Clark
Taily, of Springfield, has been arrested
at the instance of Miss Robbie Morgan
in a suit for \$10,000 damages. She
claims that she was abducted and kept
for a year a prisoner in an old cabin on
Taliy's form.

A PROTEST.

A State-Meating of Democratic to Roo York Demands a Change in the Pate for Rulding the State Convention.

New York, Feb. 13.—There was held Thursday night in the large hall of Cooper union a mass meeting of democratic to protect against holding the domocratic state convention for the election of delegates to the national convention on February F5, after only

sow weeky notice. Counted the New York Stanta Zeltung, called the meeting to order and Prederick R. Condert was made presiding officer. After unmerous addresses had been smale, resolutions were adopted protesting against the usualised-fee and illedvised acting of the state committee in fixing wearly a date as Monday, Pebruary 18, for the meeting of the state committee in fixing weight were justified in reaculting the action on the part of the party leaders whereby the voice of the people was suppressed, and declaring that the history of contests on national issues in the state of New York since isse showed that too much produce countities is surged to reconsider their action and revoke the call. If they do not comply, the resolutions provide that a committee is to be or acted to take such action as may some a proper representation of the pole of the state to the national conventual.

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A Toung Girl Dies from Fright at Being Chased by Two Mea.

Privesumen, Pa., Feb. 12.—Caroline Gardner, the 18-year-old daughter of a coal miner living at Federal Station, a few miles south of this city, was frightened to death Wednesday night by two men chasing her. The young girl went to the coal sheds shortly after dark and two men who were coming up the road started after her. Size ran into the house and fell on the floor in convulsions, from which she never recovered. The men were recognized as Thomas and James Skidmore, two miners. The coroner held them for manslaughter.

SOUTH DAKOTA SUED.

American Express Company Poinces to Pay its Tax Assessment of \$1000. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 12.-The American Express Company has sued South Dakota in the matter of its assessment Dakota in the matter of its assessment by the board of equalization. The company refuses to pay taxes on \$35,-000, the sum fixed by the board, and resists collection, admitting and agree-ing to pay taxes on \$5,000, the actual value of its propecty, the board's valu-ation being that of the company's fran-chise and property, but it does an an-nual business of a few hundred thou-sand dollars. The governor was served with summons Thursday.

Soldiers End the War.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 12 .- The Alsuquenque, N. M., Feb. 12.—The war between the Navajo Indians and the cowboys in western Valencia county, on the Atlantic & Pacific, has ended, and peace reigns for the time being. This was brought about by the timely arrival of a company of soldiers from Fort Wingate and the fact that Chief Mariano is opposed to trouble.

Torgea, Kan., Feb. 12—The grand lodge of the Knights of Reciprocity has issued a circular announcing that within the next ninety days every state in the union will be organized. This organization has its membership at present chiefly confined to alliance states and its object is to assist republican organizations.

Forty Collars in One Purchase.

And the interest increases as the sale nears the last day. Those who come this

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Owen Scott has introduced a bill in the house to repeal the sugar bounty law. He regards the measure as unconstitutional and as class legislation, and on these grounds will urge the passage of his

Pield Indicted for Forgery. New York, Feb. 12.—The grand jury las returned an indictment for for ery in the second degree against Ed. EXTRA CIBIKS. has returned an indictment for for gery in the second degree against Ed-ward M. Field. It is alleged be forged the name of E. Moore to a bill of lading for 71,283 tushels of wheat.

A Mexican General Dead. Cirr or Maxico, Feb. 12 -- Gen. Mar-cos Carrillo, commanding the troops which were sent out to fight the Yaqui Indians, died Thursday in Sonora.

Prohibits Chinese Immigration. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-The house committee on immigration has accreed to report favorably a bill absolutely prohibiting Chinese immigration.

Three I'r'squees Murdered. ENGLAND, Ark., Feb. 12.-Hamp Biscoe, his wife and son were arrested and placed in a small house at kee under guard. Sunday eventor two men masked and wearing wemen's clothes appeared, overpowered the guards, burst open the door and shot all the prisoners. The murderers then escaped, but officers are endoavoring to hunt them down.

In Honor of Sharman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- An appeal to the Grand Army of the Reput he for contributions to sid in the erection of a statue in Washington to the memory of Gen. W. T. Sherman has been made by a committee appointed at the meeting of the society of the Tenucasse on Oc-tober 8 and 9 last.

Held for Robbing the Rising Sun Boston, Feb. 12.-Mesara Hamilton Harney, Fraser, Gammons and Morrison, all officers of the Order of the Rising Sun, have been held in ball in sums ranging from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the grand jury. They are charged with embezzling \$50,000 of the funds of

Entertained by Li Hung Chang. THE TON. Feb 12 -Li Hung Chang's

foth birthday was observed here with great rejoicings. In celebration of the day eighty foreigners were entertained at a banquet by Li Hung himself in Gorgon hall.



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